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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 826  
By Scroggs

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Coach Mike Irby and the Houston High School boys' soccer team on winning the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class AAA State Tournament.

WHEREAS, soccer, one of our most demanding sports, has a rich history in Tennessee and at Houston High School; and

WHEREAS, the excellent Houston High School boys' soccer team, the number one ranked team in the nation for the second consecutive year, has permanently etched its name in the glorious athletic history of the state by impressively capturing the 2000 Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class AAA state championship; and

WHEREAS, Houston won their sectional with an exciting 4-0 victory against Bartlett, and in the semi-final round of the State Tournament, held at historic Finley Stadium in Chattanooga, this tremendously talented team defeated Bearden 6-1; and

WHEREAS, in the title game, Houston overcame a defensive ploy by Soddy-Daisy for a resounding 5-0 victory; and

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WHEREAS, this was the fifth state soccer title for traditional power Houston since 1993;  
and

WHEREAS, they completed this very memorable season with a rare and unblemished  
29-0 record; and

WHEREAS, the Mustangs have been under the astute leadership of Coach Mike Irby;  
and

WHEREAS, the members of the prestigious 2000 Tennessee Secondary School Athletic  
Association Class AAA boys' soccer All-State Tournament team included Houston stars Grant  
Paule, as the Most Valuable Player, Andrew Rhodes, Clark Talley, D. J. McCabe, Jimmy Drain,  
Michael Vogel, and Nathan Chantara; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is very privileged to be able to specially honor and  
commend this great team, one that is a source of tremendous pride to the state of Tennessee,  
their school and community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED  
FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE  
CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Coach Mike Irby and the Houston High School  
boys' soccer team on winning the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class AAA  
state championship. We wish them much continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for  
presentation to the school and each member of the team, with this final clause omitted from  
such copies.